CHRIST the SHEPHERD PCA

September 6, 2026

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Invocation

*Hymns and Songs of Worship and Adoration

Come, Christians, Join to Sing (#5)

All Creatures of Our God and King (#67)

*Confession of Faith – The Nicene Creed

*Old Testament Scripture

Deuteronomy 7:1 – 8

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Declaration of Absolution

Pastoral Prayer

*Worship through giving back to God

How Firm a Foundation (#294)

Sermon – Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Ephesians 1:3 – 6

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Closing Song

God of Grace New (#156)

*Doxology (TH #334)

*Benediction

* Please stand if able.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Holy Father, forgive us. Though you should guide us, we inform ourselves. Though you should rule us, we control ourselves. Though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. For we think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all people most miserable. Heal our confused minds with your word; heal our divided wills with your law; heal our troubled consciences with your love; heal our anxious hearts with your presence — all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

Food for Thought

"The foundation and first cause, both of our calling and of all the benefits which we receive from God, is here declared to be his eternal election. If the reason is asked, why God has called us to enjoy the gospel, why he daily bestows upon us so many blessings, why he opens to us the gate of heaven, — the answer will be constantly found in this principle, that he hath chosen us before the foundation of the world."

- Calvin's Commentaries, Ephesians 1:4